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- ★ New chapel to house 600 +
- ★ Hunter physical fitness center nears completion





Welcome ...

In this issue of the Patriot, we take a closer look at Stewart and Hunter Garrisons and the new facility upgrades designed to help meet the needs of tenant units, Soldiers and family members. We also hear from Glennville, home to the nation's largest Vidalia Onion harvest and good-natured people with down-home values.

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Editor's Note ...

Last month's cover and DOIM photos provided by Jimmy McSaltres, Department of the Army photographer at Fort Stewart.



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Past Three Years ACOE, Teamwork Source of Pride



Col. John Kidd

All members of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield – our Soldiers, Family Members, employees, contractors, and our local communities – should feel a tremendous sense of pride in our accomplishments over the past three years. FS/HAAF earned first place in the 2004, 2005, and 2006 Commander in Chief's Award and The Chief of Staff of the Army, Army Communities of Excellence Award, recognizing FS/HAAF as "BEST in

the Army" three consecutive years. This accomplishment has never been achieved by any other installation.

I know you will help my successor Col Todd Buchs build on these accomplishments with a renewed focus. I believe it worthy to mention how we got here – our journey began long before 2004. FS/HAAF began its strategic journey in 1995 with a handful of strategic planners who were not only looking at 1995 but well into the future as they guided the Garrison in capturing our vision to achieve our mission through the development and implementation of our Garrison Strategic Plan. Investments initiated in the past increased the Garrison's capabilities and defined future operational concepts, infrastructure, and technologies.

FS/HAAF is the U.S. Army's premier heavy force power projection platform on the East Coast. The fundamental purpose of FS/HAAF, Georgia, is to house, train, mobilize, and deploy combat-ready units of the 3d Infantry Division to execute a wide range of

operational missions. Readiness and power projection are our bottom line.

Our Soldiers are the heart of the Army, and our commitment to them is steadfast. Army deployments increased over the last 15 years, our Nation has undergone many changes, and as a result it changes the way we look at National Security. Our Soldiers bear the burden of these changes, but we are determined they continue to have the best possible training equipment and facilities, and the highest quality of life at home. That means we have to get full value for every dollar we spend.

We have captured the imagination of others with these remarkable achievements and there is no doubt that our recent achievements will be spoken of for some time to come.

Stewart and Hunter's future is bright and I know you all will continue to develop the tools and knowledge to help preserve our freedoms and provide hope and opportunity for future generations as you look forward to continued success and also to a repeat performance in the 2009 CINC and ACOE competitions.

(Editors Note: Col. John Kidd handed command of U.S. Army Garrison Fort Stewart to Col Todd Buchs yesterday in a ceremony at Marne Gardens. He retires from the Army at the end of this month and will make his home in the Atlanta area. Col Buchs comes to Stewart/Hunter from the Army War College. He has previous garrison commander experience as Commander, 222d Base Support Battalion, Baumholder, Germany from 2002 to 2004.)

Commitment to high standards key to future success



Paul Andreshak

We are committed to managing our organization through our Performance Management and Measurement System at all levels with a focus on relevant results for our customers. Our PMMS process incorporates an in-depth planning model that takes place over time in conjunction with comments received from customers, stakeholders, employees, and with guidance from higher headquarters.

Our Garrison Strategic Plan is the backbone of our PMMS. With the successful development of the strategic plan, we define the scope, goals, and objectives for our four Key Business Drivers critical to the success of our organization's programs and activities. These are areas we must excel in to achieve our vision and accomplish our mission. Our KBDs are: Training Support; Power Projection and Readiness; Well Being; and Optimizing Resources.

As readiness requirements and power projection missions evolve in response to changing world events, our needs must be assessed periodically to support mission requirements. The setting of goals is a cyclic process that involves year-round review and updating of the strategic plan.

Our strategic plan builds on previous editions and is continually reviewed. We ensure our budget process, implementation planning, and deployment are tied to our GSP. We manage effectively and efficiently, recognizing political and budgetary realities while working closely with our customers and stakeholders to develop long-term requirements and outcomes.

Our organization understands it cannot hit a target that cannot be seen or doesn't exist. Our strategic plan describes the way we implement our mission, identifies the processes we must perform well to succeed and the performance objectives and measures for process performance to achieve our goals. The strategic plan also identifies our customers and articulates where we are going and why. Most importantly, it pro-

vides a common basis for our organization to make decisions regarding the implementation of our programs and the deployment of the resources needed to turn the GSP into reality.

We have fully integrated community services, sharing assets. We integrated local civilian community resources to enhance Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs, operations and services for Soldiers, families, workforce and local communities.

Each one of us have an opportunity and responsibility to contribute to the development of our organization, the achievement of our plans, and the satisfaction of our customers.

I urge everyone to read the Garrison Strategic Plan and look for ways to support our ambitious goals for the future.

(Editors Note: Paul Andreshak is Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF. He came to his present job three years ago, after being Director, Resource Management, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA.)

A brief look at historic Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF

Fort Stewart Museum

In June 1940, Congress authorized funding for the purchase of property in an area that was home to two of Georgia's three signers for the Declaration of Independence.

The area was named Camp Stewart in honor of General Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty County who fought during the Revolutionary War and became a military hero.

When America entered World War II, the camp was expanded from an anti-aircraft artillery training center to help train Soldiers deploying to conflict. The Women's Air Service Pilots, flew planes towing anti-aircraft targets from Liberty Field. The responsibility of holding German and Italian prisoners-of-war was added to the camp during World War II.

On Dec. 28, 1950, Stewart was redesignated the 3rd Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center and its role changed from solely anti-aircraft training to include armor and tank firing and helped train Soldiers for Korea.

The camp was redesignated Fort Stewart on March 21, 1956, and it continued to evolve to add aviation training to its agenda. In 1966, the U.S. Army Aviation School from Fort Rucker, Ala., was transferred to Stewart to help train helicopter pilots.

In 1967, the U.S. Army Flight Training Center began and helicopter pilot training was accelerated with the addition of Hunter

Airfield to the garrison.

The 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry Ranger Regiment parachuted into Fort Stewart on July 1, 1974, and became the first Army Ranger unit activated since World War II. Hunter became their home.

The 24th Infantry Division activated at Stewart in October 1974 and was soon designated a mechanized division with a rapid deployment mission in 1980.

In August 1990, Iraq invaded and overran its neighbor, Kuwait, and threatened to do the same to Saudi Arabia. The garrison was able to help deploy the 24th to the Persian Gulf, and within eight months the 24th Division triumphantly returned.

Stewart and Hunter became the home of the 3rd Infantry Division in April 1996.



Courtesy photo from Fort Stewart Museum

Fort Stewart is the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River. Hunter's 11,375-foot-runway gives it a unique distinction as being identified as an alternate landing site for NASA

Construction: building blocks for success

Pat Young
Patriot Staff

Driving around Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield, a person can't help but see construction, which makes people wonder what is going on. Stewart and Hunter are growing to keep pace with the needs of Soldiers, family members, and civilians.

The construction and upgrades result from the transformation to Brigade Combat Teams and the need to keep pace with customer needs.

"We try to listen to our customers to find out what they need and try to service them with what resources we have," said Col. John Kidd, Fort Stewart garrison commander in a previous article. "Our customers are the Soldiers at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield ... we marshal our limited resources and try to squeeze as much as we can to support the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers and family members."

Stewart and Hunter strive to meet the expanding mission requirements of its major tenant units like the 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, and 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, while maintaining quality service to the rest of the installations.

"Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, despite the physical separation of the two installations, work as one," said Paul Andreshak, deputy garrison commander, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. "The workforces on both posts pull together to provide the support the 3rd Infantry Division and our other units need to be ready to deploy from here and fight the nation's wars. We are attuned to Soldier and family member needs. Our entire workforce strives daily to meet those needs."

Construction became a major priority to meet the expanded mission requirements and increased unit sizes.

"2006 has seen nearly \$100 million of new construction programmed for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield," said Michael Biering, Chief, Directorate of Public Works. "The Major Construction Program (Army) has been a five-plus-year process from requirement identification to actual congressional approval, design and construction. The Corps of Engineers, the proponent for all major construction, is working very hard transforming this process to make it much faster."

Current construction at Stewart includes a new command and control building, 4th Brigade operations, barracks and dining facilities, an installation chapel, temporary and permanent child development centers, and a new elementary school.

Hunter construction includes a physical fitness center, new hangars for the Georgia National Guard and 160th Special Operations Regiment, temporary and permanent child development centers and new facilities for 1-75th Ranger Regiment.

The construction is extensive and requires coordination to succeed.

"All the changes are a challenge; we have to work closely with the other agencies, local communities, and even other branches of the service," said Thomas Maulden, Chief, Engineer Service for the Directorate of Public Works.

All the efforts come full circle into realizing the Army and installation are optimizing resources, ensuring units are ready, and ensuring the well-being of Soldiers, family members, and civilian employees.

For the past three years, Stewart and Hunter earned the Army Communities of Excellence, Department of Defense Installations of Excellence, and Commander in Chief's Installations of Excellence Awards because it makes those concerns priority.

"Our organization's success is attributed to its ability to focus on present and future needs and is strengthened by our customers," said Janet Blanks, Chief, Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Blanks and the PAI office document Stewart and Hunter's initiatives and illuminated the efforts of the Soldiers and civilian employees in a packet they submit to the Installation Management Agency each year.

The garrison's ability to read the needs of its customers, and manage resources allowed the installation to grow and make improvements for tenant units, Soldiers, family members and civilian employees.

So when you're driving around post and see the new construction, please pardon the progress.



Sharon Bass

Col. John Kidd, Hinesville Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe, and representatives from Fort Stewart traveled to a ceremony held at the Pentagon May 5, in honor of Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield winning the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. The event marked the third year in a row Stewart and Hunter won the award.



Courtesy of Fort Stewart Directorate of Public Works

The 4th Brigade Dining Facility, will have the capacity to serve 1,300 meals within 90 minutes and will have a 485-person seating capacity when completed.

Setting a place for 4th Brigade

Patrick Young
Patriot Staff

Setting the table for 4th Brigade Combat Team Soldiers at Fort Stewart will be quick with the construction of its new 27,000-square foot dining facility to be located on the west end of 6th Street.

In addition to culinary service, the construction project includes three company operation facilities and seven barracks for 335 personnel.

The barracks has an estimated cost of \$39 million, awarded to B.L. Harvart, which is scheduled to be completed in February 2007.

The barracks complex consists of seven barracks buildings that house 48 Soldiers per barracks for a total of 336 Soldiers and a company operations facility that can be used for two separate companies.

The new three-story barracks are designed to resemble apartment living, with two rooms sharing a suite.

The suite has a shared kitchenette and laundry facilities so Soldiers have access to their own washer and dryer.

The new 4th Bde. facilities will be located on 15th and 6th Streets.

The new 4th Brigade dining facility has a seating capacity of 485 and serve 1,300 meals within 90 minutes.

Akins was awarded the contract for the dining facility in August 2005. Construction began September 2005, and is expected to be completed September 2007.



Jim Jeffcoat

A company operations center is under construction for the 3rd Infantry Division's 4th Brigade on the west end of 6th Street. The new building has split compartments so two companies can share the space.



Jim Jeffcoat

The new 4th Brigade Soldiers can experience apartment-style living. The barracks feature suites that join two-person rooms and have kitchenette and laundry facilities.



An artist rendition of the 4th Brigade dining facility provided by the Directorate of Public Works, Engineering Division. The dining facility will be located on 6th Street west of Essayons.

A new face for 3rd ID Command and Control

Pat Young
Patriot Staff

The new Command and Control Building is one of many construction projects popping up on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The new headquarters building will be 105,000 square feet and features secure operations, executive offices, emergency operations, conference rooms, and state-of-the-art teleconferencing and communication utilities.

The command and control building contract was awarded to B.L. Harvart in September 2005 and construction began two months later. It is expected to be completed by June 2008.

The cost is for the new headquarters building is about \$24 million and is part of a Department of the Army initiative to phase out World War II wooden structures to reduce maintenance cost and improve efficiency.

The Corps of Engineers is the proponent for all construction projects.

"The Major Construction Program for the Army at Stewart and Hunter adds up to approximately \$452 million from Fiscal Year 2005 to 2007," said Thomas Maulden, Chief, Engineer Services for the Directorate of Public Works. "The projects for Fort Stewart and Hunter employs approximately 730 contract personnel every day with 255 at Hunter, and 475 at Stewart."



Above: An artist rendition of the new 3rd Infantry Division Command and Control facility. The new command and control facility will give the division communications and control of division units world wide. It replaces the Irving Bldg., built during World War II. Below: The new facility features an emergency center, operations center, and state-of-the-art communication systems.



Chapel grows with congregation

Jim Jeffcoat

Command Information Chief

The new 36,000-square foot chapel complex, which is officially slated for completion in February '07, promises to provide more sanctuary room for the current large congregation and influx of new Soldiers and families arriving at Fort Stewart, according to Chaplain (Col.) Ronald Hill, Installation Chaplain.

"We are excited to see a new chapel go up," said Hill. "We have four chapels on post right now: Marne, Victory, Heritage and Vail Chapels."

The new chapel will seat 600 people and have an activity center capable of seating another 579 persons.

"We have three types of service," Hill said. "Two services are kind of bursting at the seams and we need elbow room." According to Hill, the plan is to move two of the posts largest congregations to the new main post chapel.

Hill said the new chapel will have plenty of classroom space for educational programs in conjunction with religious services. It will feature 17 classrooms, and two multi-purpose and specialty rooms.

"It's my goal to have programs going on at the main post chapel both day and night," Hill said. "There will be ceremonies there, from time to time, as well as memorial services, religious observances, and some community-wide programs. We're going to get a lot of good use out of that building."

The new chapel is being constructed on the corner of Gulick and Gary Owen. The project cost about \$9.5 million and is expected to be completed by June 2007.



Pat Young

Above: The new installation chapel is under construction on the corner of Gulick Avenue and Gary Owen Street. Below: An artist rendition of the completed chapel, provided by the Directorate of Public Works.



New school for elementary students

Jana Tanner

DPW Project Manager

The new permanent elementary school located on Austin Road will serve 350 students from pre-kindergarten through 6th grade.

The more than 80,000-square-foot facility will include general purpose classrooms, an art classroom, a music classroom, computer labs, gymnasium, multi-purpose room with stage and kitchen, specialists' rooms, information center, administrative offices, teacher workrooms, and supply/storage rooms.

The school will incorporate advanced communications systems to support technology program requirements, as well as general communications.

The approximate cost of construction will be \$13.3 million.

The design scheme for the

school will be a welcoming "Southern Coastal Style" with a brick exterior, white framed windows and architectural trim, Tuscan-style classical columns, broad eaves, and green standing seam metal sloped roofs.

Features of the building will incorporate multi-color floor patterns in variations of the primary colors red, yellow, and blue to enhance learning and provide grade-level identification and orientation for young students.

Exterior features include a pre-kindergarten play lot, playground for kindergarten through third grade, basketball court, and an all-purpose playing field.

The construction contract was awarded Feb. 27 to RA-LIN and Associates, Inc. located in Carrollton.

Site development began June 1 and completion of the project is scheduled for October 2007.



Above: An artist rendition of the The new Fort Stewart elementary school. The 80,000-square-foot school will feature advanced communication systems to support technology program requirements. It will be located adjacent to Liberty Woods Housing area and Bryan Village on Austin Road.

Early Stages of the Child Development Center

Jim Jeffcoat

Command Information Chief

The new 20,000-square-foot child development center, expected to be completed by Spring 2007, promises to accommodate about 240 more children, according to Dagmar Peguero, child and youth services coordinator.

Meanwhile, a temporary facility, which is speculated to be completed by late September of this year, is being completed on Lindquist Ave. near 6th St. this facility will house up to 96 children, Peguero said.

"This temporary facility is primarily for infants, pre-toddlers and toddlers. 3 to 5 year-olds will be included if there is room," Peguero said. However, Peguero clarifies that families on the waiting list have priority for placement of their children in the temporary and permanent facilities.

Peguero said the temporary facility may not be discontinued immediately after the opening of the new facility. "We will play it by ear," she said. "It is based on the needs of the community. We don't know where we will be at time the permanent facility is completed."

Fort Stewart and Hunter are getting the new child care centers to help decrease the conflict between mission and childcare needs for the entire community, Peguero explained. "That's our goal, that's our plan – to decrease the conflict so that Soldiers may continue to per-

form on their jobs as well as maintain a good home environment."

The new CDC features an outdoor playground, intrusion detection and video surveillance system, and an energy monitoring and control system. The estimated cost of the project is \$6.2 million dollars.

With the increased population at Stewart and Hunter, the centers are coming at the right time in Peguero's view.

"Our philosophy is to provide excellent child care that nurtures the child in all areas," Peguero concluded. "We nurture him physically, emotionally, intellectually, academy and socially."



Jim Jeffcoat

The Child Development Center can support up to 244 children and features an outdoor playground, intrusion detection and video surveillance systems.

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Tactical Equipment Complex

A permanent tactical equipment and vehicle maintenance and storage facility for 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment will be approximately 48,000 square feet and features a 37,000-square-foot maintenance shop.



photos courtesy of DPW

TUAV Maintenance Storage Facility

A 7,000-square-foot maintenance and storage facility designed for Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles features an upgraded overhead hoist, secure storage area, modern utilities and an intrusion detection system.

Building to stay fit at Hunter

Nancy Gould

Hunter Public Affairs

Fitness is important for the 7,000 Soldiers who will live on Hunter Army Airfield this summer—possibly as important as their military occupational duties.

“After all, you have to be in top physical shape to win wars,” said Hunter Army Airfield Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Kellam.

That’s why Kellam looks forward to the new \$15.5 million Physical Fitness Center opening later this year that will replace Hunter’s current 50-year old fitness facility.

The old center is crowded during morning physical training—the time some Soldiers want to use it.

The new 70,000-square-foot facility presently under construction is located on property adjacent to the old center on Duncan Drive.

It features two basketball courts, three racquetball courts, an Olympic-size pool, a free-weight room, weight machines, a cardio-vascular area, an aerobics room, a climbing wall and locker rooms with shower facilities.

The new center will allow units to vary workouts with pool training, racquetball competitions and other activities. It will be fully equipped with state-of-the-art fitness equipment, valued at \$367,000, said Hunter Fitness Director James Simmons.

Hunter’s expanding recreational program also includes a new Softball Complex, with three recently-constructed ball fields co-located on Duncan Drive across from the new fitness center. The “cloverleaf complex,” replaces the old one by the Ranger Barracks and features outdoor lighting, quality turf, scoreboards, restrooms and other special amenities. The field

has gotten peak use by 14 teams of Soldiers who played on two leagues during the recent softball season that ran from May 8 to June 30.



Nancy Gould

Above: An Olympic-sized swimming pool will be featured at the new Physical Fitness Center and Sports Complex at Hunter Army Airfield. Below: The new 70,000-square-foot structure will also contain, among other attractions, weight rooms and racquetball courts.



Hunter helos to get new Hangar

Nancy Gould

Hunter Army Airfield

The groundwork has begun for the 86,971-square-foot National Guard Army Aviation Support Hangar and parking lot at Hunter Army Airfield.

At about 12 percent complete, the four-bay rotary wing aircraft hangar replaces the temporary facilities the Guard is now using for maintenance of the National Guard CH-47s.

The \$16 million facility will contain maintenance bays, tool rooms, equipment storage, repair parts room, and COMSEC storage.

The facility will also include an arms vault, administrative space, lockers, a physical fitness area, a simulation training area with a library and a parking area.

The project includes an area for the storage of two additional aircraft with covered aircraft wash capabilities, flammable storage, controlled waste handling, and ground support equipment storage in a separate facility along the Aviation Combined Arms Tactical Trainer simulator apron.

The facility will include a loading dock and military vehicle loading ramps.

The \$16 million contract was awarded in September 2005 and is expected to be completed in October 2007.



Courtesy of Army Knowledge Online

Above: The CH-47 cabin provides 42 cubic meters of cargo space and 21 square meters of cargo floor area. It can accommodate two HMMWVs (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) or a HMMWV together with 105mm howitzer and gun crew. The main cabin can hold up to 33 fully-equipped troops. For medical evacuation, the cabin can accommodate 24 litters (stretchers).

Below: The new National Guard hangar has four bays for maintenance on CH-47s.



Nancy Gould

Special Ops to get new home

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

At approximately 85 percent complete, the \$40 million, 209,263-square-foot Barracks Perimeter Complex, Phase III, will be home to 480 Rangers from the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and nearly 100 Night Stalkers from the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

The Soldiers were previously housed in the Pinwheel Barracks Complex, which is now being demolished.

The barracks feature three stories with interior corridors and suites that have two bedrooms, private baths and a shared kitchenette.

The exterior includes a courtyard with picnic tables, barbecue grills, and basketball and volleyball courts.

The Barracks Perimeter Complex is located on the southwest corner of Duncan Drive and Billy Mitchell Road.

The SOF Battalion Operations Complex totaling nearly 97,000 is about halfway complete and consists of one battalion headquarters building and four company operations facilities housed in two buildings.

The \$17 million complex consolidates all administrative functions for the Rangers into one location.

It is placed adjacent to the Barracks Perimeter Complex on the southwest corner of Stephen Douglas and Duncan avenues.

The SOF Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Facility combines the Vehicle Maintenance Facility with the Armament, Communication and Electronics Facility and the Property Book Warehouse.

The approximately \$9 million facility will also include a separate vehicle and organizational requirement to accommodate 12 vehicles and individual bays for company storage.

The 44,386-square-foot complex includes hardstand, utilities, an oil storage building and is fenced. Most of the parking is provided by the Barracks Perimeter Complex project.

This project also includes the demolition of three installation warehouses and the relocation of a rail spur.

The SOF Combat Readiness Training Facility, located on the southwest corner of Duncan Drive and Stephen Douglas Street, is about 30 percent



Nancy Gould

The new Special Operations Forces barracks at Hunter feature suites that have two bedrooms, private baths and a shared kitchenette.



The Special Operations Forces Operation Complex at Hunter Army Airfield is about halfway complete.



The new Special Operations Forces Vehicle Maintenance facility will accommodate 12 vehicles and have separate individual bays for company storage.

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complete.

It encompasses renovation of Building 725 to add exercise equipment, a hand-to-hand training area, an exam room and extra administrative space.

The 10,449 square foot facility will cost approximately \$2.5 million.

The SOF Aircraft Maintenance Hangar is being constructed to facilitate D Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment's relocation from Roosevelt Road Naval Station in Puerto Rico to Hunter Army Airfield.

The new hangar will provide maintenance and hangar space for four CH-47 aircraft in a 76,000 square foot facility.

The \$14 million hangar will also provide deployment storage and a split-level concrete parking deck.

The hangar is about 45 percent complete.



Nancy Gould

The new Special Forces hangar at Hunter Army Airfield has space for four Chinook helicopters, and has deployment storage facilities and split-level concrete parking.

Child Development Center grows at Hunter

Nancy Gould
Public Affairs

The 5,000-square-foot temporary Child Development Center for middle-school-aged children and teens is scheduled for completion in August.

It features a technology room, a cafeteria style room also used for arts and crafts, two activity rooms, a multi-purpose room, a staff area, a kitchen recep-

tion area and an office.

A playground and a basketball court will be located outside the building.

Construction on the 8,000-square-foot Permanent Child Development Center begins in 2008. The \$7 million facility will replace the Temporary CDC, and will also house the middle School age/teen programs. It will feature an atrium for activities, a large multi-purpose room, technology, science, and

arts/crafts rooms, a kitchen with a teaching area and staff training and reception areas. A playground and a basketball court will also be located outside the building.

When the Permanent CDC building is complete (construction is scheduled to begin in 2008), the temporary CDC building will be used for instructional Pre K classes (tae kwon do, dance, music, art, and more).



Nancy Gould

The Child Development Center at Hunter will expand from 5,000-square-feet capacity to 8,000-square-feet following the completion of the permanent facility scheduled to begin in 2008.

Hunter's Sabre Hall stages for deployment

Tiffany Holloway
Savannah District Corps of Engineers

The 33,000-square-foot Sabre Hall Complex will be used to conduct military aircraft staging and to provide temporary housing for Soldiers to work and train, said Robert Sauntry, military programs project manager at Hunter Army Airfield.

The building dates from the height of the Cold War in the 1960s when Hunter was Hunter Air Force Base hosting B-52 bomber crews. Crews on alert needed to work and sleep near their airplanes for immediate response in case of an attack warning.

Although Sabre Hall barracks can house up to 240 Soldiers during training it will not be used for permanent housing. The training focus is to prepare Soldiers to deploy within 24 to 72 hours.

Designed by Savannah District Corps of Engineers, recent upgrades, valued at \$26,000 include reinforced walls, new community bathrooms, new laundry facilities, new floor tiles, computer rooms, operations and planning offices, briefing areas and a dining facility. Designers also added computer rooms, operations and planning offices, briefing areas and a dining facility. Microwave ovens, refrigerators and internet access throughout the building round out the amenities.

A new drainage system alleviates flooding on the first floor,

built underground to protect it from attack.

The current Sabre Hall Project, a two-phased effort, started in May 2003 and was completed in February 2006.

Phase I consisted of a maintenance facility, guard shelter, ammo shelter, warehouse and rigging facilities a 200,000-gallon water tank and two aircraft mock-ups – a C-17 and a C-5 that Soldiers use to practice loading. In Phase II, barracks were renovated and the aircraft parking apron was improved.



Tiffany Holloway

Sabre Hall features include barracks, maintenance, warehouse and other facilities needed to stage Soldiers for deployment.



From the City of Glennville,

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the City of Glennville, we extend a sincere welcome. Glennville is well-known as the largest grower of the world famous Vidalia sweet onions, and boasts as being a proud neighbor to Fort Stewart, just 19 miles away.

Glennville, the most populous town in Tattnall County, is agriculturally based. In addition to sweet onions, it is known for its pecans, peanuts, tomatoes, strawberries and other produce as well as livestock.

Tattnall County, created in 1801 from parts of Montgomery and Washington counties, was named for Josiah Tattnall, the governor who penned the legislation creating the county.

Other cities in Tattnall County are Reidsville, the county seat; Collins; Cobbtown; and Manassas.

Glennville is proud of its industries, which include Armstrong Cricket Farm, Mascot Pecan Co., Rotary (world headquarters for this manufacturer of lawn mower blades and accessories), Claxton

Poultry/Glennville Hatchery, and several large farming operations.

In addition, steady employment is offered to those who work at one of the county's three state prisons.

Vidalia's Southeastern Technical College also has a campus in Glennville as does Brewton-Parker College. Georgia Southern University in Statesboro is just a short 45-minute drive on four-laned Hwy. 301.

The city of Glennville rallies around its agriculture, and in 2006 hosted the 30th anniversary of the Glennville Sweet Onion Festival at the State Farmers' Market, a family-oriented day-long event, which celebrates the harvesting of the sweet onion crop and provides an opportunity for socializing.

The day features a one-mile and three-mile run, a parade, entertainment, arts and crafts, and delicious food (including fried sweet onion rings and bloomin' onions), children's activities and attractions, and the World Championship Turtle Races, with the day culminating in a street dance.

Glennville is known for its excellent public school system as well as two private schools, Pinewood Christian Academy and Glennville Christian Academy.

We have always welcomed our military personnel. We pride ourselves in being known as "The Accommodating City," and we are thrilled to invite you and your family to live in as well as visit our city. Glennville has ample schools and churches to support the new residents that Fort Stewart brings to our city. And, I must say, we are thrilled to have all our new residents and visitors as well. We have one of the best recreation departments in the area with a park that consists of 62 acres of land and a 10-acre pond.

History buffs will be interested in attending the annual re-enactment of the Battles of Manassas in the spring.

Also, Beards Creek Church Cemetery and Shiloh Cemetery are among several historical cemeteries in Tattnall. The Glennville-Tattnall Museum, on the Glennville campus of Southeastern Technical College, is also available for visitors to take a step back into the history of the county.

However, with these attractions and amenities, Glennville is most pleased that it offers a high quality of life, affordable housing, and friendly people who invite you to stop in Glennville for a day, a week, or a lifetime.

Honorable Jean Bridges
Mayor of Glennville



Above: The Glennville-Tattnall Museum, located on the Southeastern Technical College campus in Glennville. Below: The Glennville Recreation Park offers a wide-range of recreational activities year-round.



Above: Jeff Armstrong, owner of Armstrong's Cricket Farm, displays some full-grown crickets. Below: People wait in line for fried sweet onion rings at the Glennville Sweet Onion Festival.

